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For MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETO-RESISTANCE
EFFECT HEAD, MAGNETO-RESISTANCE TRANSDUCER SYSTEM,
AND MAGNETIC STORAGE SYSTEM

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please add the following drawing sheet illustrating Figures 35-36 to the application. Please enter this sheet as a formal drawing in the application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the Decision on Petition mailed February 19, 2002, the attached drawings are being submitted after the filing date of the present application. However, they do not present new matter in the case, and should be admitted because the subject matter in the application admits of illustration by a drawing, and the Decision on Petition finds that the Applicant has not furnished such a drawing (see 35 U.S.C. 113).

The attached drawings are referred to in the description of the drawing figures section on page 22, lines 16-18 where it is stated that Figs. 34-37 are fragmentary